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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Shoichiro Usui
Appl. No. : 09/731,170
Filed : December 6, 2000
For : HIGH-PRESSURE METAL PIPE HAVING CONNECTING HEAD AND METHOD FORMING THE CONNECTING HEAD AS WELL AS SLEEVE WASHER FOR THE CONNECTING HEAD

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of February 6, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 and 4, and add new claims 5-14.

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5. A high-pressure pipe assembly, comprising a metal pipe having opposite first and second ends, a connecting head adjacent said first end, said connecting head having a seat surface flared outwardly from said first end and a cylindrical surface extending from said seat surface away from said first end, said cylindrical surface having a selected outside diameter, a cylindrical body extending from said connecting head toward said second end, said cylindrical body having an outside diameter less than said selected outside diameter of said cylindrical surface of said connecting head, a passage extending centrally through said metal pipe

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